

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Final Office Action dated November 5, 2003.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's time and consideration during the Examiner Interview on February 9, 2004. In this interview, Applicants' counsel primarily discussed Examiner's assertion that certain features present in definitions in the specification were not present in the claims and the potential impact on patentability if those features were expressly present in the claims to distinguish the cited art. Applicants' counsel and Examiner also briefly reviewed the arguments from the prior response in light of the potential addition of express rather than implied language for these definitions in the claims.

Applicants have amended the case and are presenting amendments to the independent claims 1, 5, 6 & 8 by this RCE as discussed during the interview. The office action dated November 5, 2003 argued on page 5 that the features Applicants relied upon to distinguish the art were not recited in the rejected claims. While Applicants respectfully submit that the claims used defined terms which had express definitions recited in the specification and thus the definitions were part of the claims as they provided meaning to the terms used in the claims, for clarity, Applicants' have worked to import those definitions into the claims with the amendments provided in this RCE response. Applicants' respectfully submit that with the present amendment and for the reasons discussed in Applicants' prior response, Applicants' claims distinguish the cited prior art.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the foregoing papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 21-0765, Sprint.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application as amended is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or comments or otherwise feels it would be

helpful in expediting the application, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (972) 731-2288.

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